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FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BERN

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SWISS THOUGHTS CONCERNING REPRESENTATION AT
PHNOM PENH

1. DURING MY RETURN COURTESY CALL ON THE NEW SWISS
AMBASSADOR (FELLER) AUGUST 20, I INQUIRED WHETHER HE, LIKE
HIS PREDECESSOR, WAS ALSO ACCREDITED TO PHNOM PENH AND
SAIGON. HE TOLD ME HE WAS BUT HAD NOT YET PRESENTED HIS
CREDENTIALS AT EITHER PLACE. HE SAID HE WAS UNCERTAIN
WHETHER IT WAS PERHAPS UNWISE TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS
TO THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IN PHNOM PENH WHEN IT MIGHT BE
REPLACED SOON BY ANOTHER GOVERNMENT. HE HAD QUERIED HIS
GOVERNMENT ABOUT WHAT TO DO AND THEY HAD INSTRUCTED
HIM TO WAIT. HE ASKED ME WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD BE
LIKELY TO HAPPEN IN PHNOM PENH. I TOLD HIM IT WAS MY
PERSONAL IMPRESSION THAT THINGS WOULD GO ON WITHOUT
DRAMTIC CHANGE FOR SOME TIME TO COME WHILE THE VARIOUS
CAMBODIAN FACTIONS MANEUVERED FOR POSITION AND EXCHANGED
"FEELERS" ABOUT NEGOTIATION OF A COMPROMISE.

2. I DID NOT OFFER FELLER ADVICE ABOUT WHAT HE SHOULD
DO ABOUT HIS CREDENTIALS PROBLEM NOR COMMENT ON IMPORTANCE
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OF SUPPORT GKR AT THIS CRITICAL STAGE, BUT I FEEL I WAS

ABLE TO IMPRESS ON HIM THAT WAITING TO PRESENT HIS
CREDENTIALS WOULD NOT MAKE HIS DECISION ANY EASIER FOR
SOME MONTHS TO COME.
GALBRAITH

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